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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Big Piney River
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Pulaski and Texas Counties

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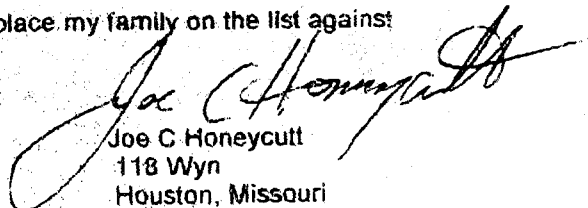
I was surprised and troubled after I read the artical in the paper pertaining to the purposed exemption from the state bacteria standards in Indian creek near houston. My wife and kids and myself have spent many hours enjoying the beauty of the stream on and near Indian creek and the piney river that Indian creek flows in to. We enjoy floating, swimming and fishing as often as we can we have already this year have floated and fished near Indian Creek. as stated in the paper the area would be or could Be Affected BY Contaminated Sewage !

Many persons have been protecting Missouri's Stearns for several Years and to consider this change would be very bad idea.

Why does the DNR require any city to spend many millions of dollars to build and maintain City sewage systems if such a Exemption would even be considered?

I do not understand what has motivated the purposed action concerning this and I would like to know why. The first idea that comes to mind is perhaps dairy operators in the area might want the currant standards to be altered ? No other excuse comes to mind and I don't think that would be a wise change for the citizens of Missouri,texas county or the local public.

Again please reconsider this Exemption and place my family on the list against this .


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Legitimate arborists rarely go door-to-door to solicit business," said NADP President John Rosenow. "Make sure you are dealing with a reputable individual or tree-care firm when you contemplate repairs or removal of any trees on your property."

Texas County Streams Recommended For Exemption from Pollution Rules

Public Comment Period Open Until July 21, Environmental Coalition Says

Two streams in Texas County won't be subject to state bacteria standards if exemptions for them are approved by the Missouri Clean Water Commission. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has recently included them on a list of water bodies recommended for exemption from federal Clean Water Act protections, according to the Missouri Coalition for the Environment.

The affected streams are:

- Indian Creek, east of U.S. 63 about two miles south of Holston
- Spring Creek, about three miles northwest of Licking

If the streams are exempted, sewer agencies and other facilities will be allowed to continue releasing bacteria-laden water into them. The Clean Water Commission will be accepting public comments on the proposed stream exemptions until July 21.

Anyone who uses the above streams may want to provide comments to urge keeping needed pro-

tections.

— Ask for current certificates of insurance proving they are insured for property damage, personal liability and worker compensation.

— When possible, hire certified members of a professional association, such as the Missouri

tections, the group said. If people have used these streams at any time since 1975 for swimming or other activities where they could get water in their eyes, ears or mouth, full water-quality protections must be put in place. With full clean water protections, sewer agencies will be required to disinfect the wastewater they discharge.

Comments should therefore include details of how, when and where the stream is or was used. They should also include similar information about any other uses, such as wading, boating or fishing, since these also expose people to bacteria and viruses and should require at least some level of protection.

Sewage that has not been disinfecting may contain viruses, parasites and other pathogens that can make people sick with ear infections, typhoid fever, hepatitis, gastroenteritis, dysentery and other illnesses, the group said. Pathogens such as fecal coliform and E. coli bacteria are indicators of poor wa-

and other debris and whether the price includes stump removal.

The NADP, based in Nebraska City, Neb., is dedicated to encouraging people to "plant, nurture and celebrate trees."

For more information, visit <http://www.arborday.org/>.

ter quality and contamination with human waste. Waters with elevated levels of fecal coliform and E. coli bacteria are unsafe to swim in or for children to play in.

Maps of streams recommended for exemption, along with a comment form people can fill out, can be found on MCE's Web site (www.mceenviro.org/UAA.asp).

Additional information about the above streams and an online stream survey comment form are available at MCE's Web site (www.mceenviro.org/wpp/wgstandards/uaa-county.htm) by clicking on Texas County.

Comments on any of these streams may also be mailed to UAA Coordinator, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102, e-mailed to john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov or faxed to 573-522-9920.

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